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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

formula I

$$R_4$$
 R_5
 R_2
 R_1
 R_3
 R_3

wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylthiocarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthiocarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxythiocarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, arylthiocarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylalkylthiocarbonyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylthioalkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryl, Het¹aralkyl, Het¹cycloalkyl, Het¹carbonyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹alkylthiocarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkanoyl, Het¹aralkanoyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹thiocarbonyl, Het¹ arylthioalkyl, Het¹ aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹ aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹ aroyl, Het¹ oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkyl; Het²oxvalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²carbonyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²thiocarbonyl, Het²alkanoyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²alkylthiocarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cyano, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, aminoalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷ and CR⁶=N(OR⁷), with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹ alkyl, Het¹ aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl,

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aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy cycloalkylalkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹ carbonyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanovloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹aroyl, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy; Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxyl, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O), hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl,

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alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of oxo, hydroxyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkanediyl, alkyloxy, alklylthio, alkylamino, alkyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylcarbonylalkyl,

cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkylamino, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonyloxy, aralkoxycarbonyloxy, aryloxyalkyl, haloalkyloxy, haloalkylthio, haloalkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryl, Het¹ aralkyl, Het¹ cycloalkyl, Het¹ aryloxyalkyl, Het¹ aroyl, Het² oxy, Het² alkyl; Het² oxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²cycloalkyl, Het²aryl, Het²alkanoyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²aroyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, and aminoalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy. aryloxyalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, aralkylthio, arylthioalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹ alkyl, Het² alkyl, Het¹ amino, Het² amino, Het¹ alkylamino, Het² alkylamino, Het¹ thio, Het¹ alkylthio, Het² alkylthio, Het¹ oxy and Het² oxy, OR¹¹, SR¹¹, SO₂NR¹¹R¹², SO₂N(OH)R¹¹, CN, $CR^{11}=NR^{12}$, $S(O)R^{11}$, SO_2R^{11} , $CR^{11}=N(OR^{12})$, N_3 , NO_2 , $NR^{11}R^{12}$, $N(OH)R^{11}$, $C(O)R^{11}$, $C(S)R^{11}$, CO_2R^{11} , $C(O)SR^{11}$, $C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $C(S)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $C(O)N(OH)R^{12}$, $C(S)N(OH)R^{11}$, $NR^{11}C(O)R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(S)R^{12}$, $N(OH)C(O)R^{12}$, $N(OH)C(S)R^{11}$, $NR^{11}CO_2R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(O)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $NR^{11}C(S)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^{11}$, $NR^{11}C(O)SR^{12}$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, and N(OH)C(S)NR¹¹R¹², NR¹¹C(O)N(OH)R¹², NR¹¹C(S)N(OH)R¹², NR¹¹SO₂R¹², NHSO₂NR¹¹R¹², NR¹¹SO₂NHR¹², P(O)(OR¹¹)(OR¹²), wherein t is an integer between 1 and 2, R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl; and

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wherein R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, oxo, hydroxyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkanediyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylcarbonylalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonyloxy, aralkoxycarbonyloxy, aryloxyalkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxy, Het¹ oxvalkyl, Het¹ arvl, Het¹ aralkyl, Het¹ cycloalkyl, Het¹ aryloxyalkyl, Het¹ aroyl, Het² oxy, Het²alkyl; Het²oxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²cycloalkyl, Het²aryl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²aroyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, and aminoalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, aylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het1thio, Het2thio, Het1alkylthio, Het2alkylthio, Het1oxy and Het2oxy, OR11, SR11, SO2NR11R12, $SO_2N(OH)R^{11}$, CN, $CR^{11}=NR^{12}$, $S(O)R^{11}$, SO_2R^{11} , $CR^{11}=N(OR^{12})$, N_3 , NO_2 , $NR^{11}R^{12}$, $N(OH)R^{11}$, $C(O)R^{11}$, $C(S)R^{11}$, CO_2R^{11} , $C(O)SR^{11}$, $C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $C(S)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $C(O)N(OH)R^{12}$, $C(S)N(OH)R^{11}, \ NR^{11}C(O)R^{12}, \ NR^{11}C(S)R^{12}, \ N(OH)C(O)R^{12}, \ N(OH)C(S)R^{11}, \ NR^{11}CO_2R^{12}, \ N(OH)C(OH)R^{11}, \ NR^{11}CO_2R^{12}, \ N(OH)C(OH)R^{11}, \ NR^{11}CO_2R^{12}, \ N(OH)R^{11}, \ N(OH)R^{11},$ $NR^{11}C(S)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^{11}$, $NR^{11}C(O)SR^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(O)NR^{12}R^{13}$. and $N(OH)C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(O)N(OH)R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(S)N(OH)R^{12}$, NR¹¹SO₂R¹², NHSO₂NR¹¹R¹², NR¹¹SO₂NHR¹², and P(O)(OR¹¹)(OR¹²), wherein t is an integer between 1 and 2, R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl;

wherein Het¹ is defined as a saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic, bicyclic or polycyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members which comprise one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms by alkyl, alkyloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, oxo, optionally mono- or disubstituted amino, nitro,

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cyano, haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl cycloalkyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted aminocarbonyl, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, aryl and a saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members which contain one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and whereby the optional substituents on any amino function are independently selected from alkyl, alkyloxy, Het² , Het²alkyl, Het²oxy, Het²oxyalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, aralkyl, alkyloxycarbonylamino, amino and aminoalkyl whereby each of the amino groups may optionally be mono-or disubstituted with alkyl;

wherein Het² is defined as an aromatic monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members comprising one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms by alkyl, alkyloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted amino, nitro, cyano, haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted aminocarbonyl, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, aryl, Het1 and an aromatic monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members, whereby the optional substituents on any amino function are independently selected from alkyl, alkyloxy, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, aralkyl, alkyloxycarbonylamino, amino, and amionalkyl whereby each of the amino groups may optionally be mono- or disubstituted with alkyl.

(Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, having the formula I or a 2. pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

formula I

$$R_4$$
 R_5
 R_2
 R_1
 R_3
 R_3

wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylthiocarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl,

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cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthiocarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxythiocarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, arylthiocarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylalkylthiocarbonyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylthioalkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryl, Het¹aralkyl, Het¹cycloalkyl, Het¹carbonyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹alkylthiocarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl. Het¹aralkanoyl, Het¹alkanovl. Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹thiocarbonyl. Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹aroyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyl; Het²oxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²carbonyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²thiocarbonyl, Het²alkanoyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²alkylthiocarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aroyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cyano, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, aminoalkyl, CR6=NR7 and CR6=N(OR7), with R6 and R7 being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy cycloalkylalkyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het aralkanovloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹aroyl, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy, Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy,

Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxyl, Het²aryloxy, and

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wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, aryloxyalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R^4 is oxo and R^5 is hydrogen or alkyl.

3. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1,

wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkyloxyarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxyarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyarbonyl,

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Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹ aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and $CR^6 = N(OR^7)$,

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkynyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, aminoalkyl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het²alkyloxy, Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxyl, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het1, Het2, cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkylamino, arylaminoalkylthio, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$,

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 $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8SO_2R^9$, $NHSO_2NR^8R^9$, $NR^8SO_2NHR^9$, and $P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9)$,

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; and

wherein R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of, oxo, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl and R⁵ is hydrogen, oxo, hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, alkyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl.

4. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein R1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹ arylthioalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹ aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het² arylthioalkyl, Het² oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het² alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het² aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and $CR^6=N(OR^7)$.

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹ alkyl, Het¹ aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

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wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxyarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²oxy, Het²aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;; and

wherein R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen or alkyl.

5. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 or 2,

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wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, and Het²aralkanoyloxy,

wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸,

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 $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8SO_2R^9$, $NHSO_2NR^8R^9$, $NR^8SO_2NHR^9$, and $P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9)$,

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;; and

wherein R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen or alkyl.

(Previously presented) A compound according to claims 1 or 2 wherein R¹ is selected 6. from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylthioalkyl, carboxyl, formyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, and Het²arylthioalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, alkylthio, alkoxy, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylamino, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het1, Het2, Het¹ alkyl, Het² alkyl, Het¹ amino, Het² amino, Het¹ alkylamino, Het² alkylamino, Het¹ thio, Het¹ alkylthio, Het² alkylthio, Het¹ oxy and Het² oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, $C(O)SR^{8}$, $C(O)NR^{8}R^{9}$, $C(S)NR^{8}R^{9}$, $C(O)N(OH)R^{9}$, $C(S)N(OH)R^{8}$, $NR^{8}C(O)R^{9}$, $NR^{8}C(S)R^{9}$, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹ alkyl, Het¹ aryl, alkenyl,

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alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl and wherein R^4 is oxo and R^5 is hydrogen.

(Previously presented) A compound according to claims 1 or 2, wherein R¹ is selected 7. from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, formyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, aryloxyalkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het¹ alkylthio, Het² alkylthio, Het¹ oxy and Het² oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, $C(O)SR^{8}$, $C(O)NR^{8}R^{9}$, $C(S)NR^{8}R^{9}$, $C(O)N(OH)R^{9}$, $C(S)N(OH)R^{8}$, $NR^{8}C(O)R^{9}$, $NR^{8}C(S)R^{9}$, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl, R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen.

8. (Previously presented) A compound according to claims 1 or 2, wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, carboxyl, formyl; wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl, and wherein R^4 is oxo and R^5 is hydrogen.

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9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8, wherein R^1 is formyl, R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl R^4 is oxo and R^5 is hydrogen.

10. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 or 3,

wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, arvl. Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl. alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxyl, and Het²aralkanoyloxy,

wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkylamino, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het¹thio, Het¹alkylthio,

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Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹).

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;; and

wherein R^4 is oxo, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, alkenyl, arylcarbonylaryl, or alkylcarbonylalkyl and R^5 is hydrogen or alkyl.

- 11. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 or 3, wherein R^1 is hydroxyalkyl, R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl, R^4 is oxo and R^5 is hydrogen.
- (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 or 3, wherein R¹ is selected 12. from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkvloxvalkvl, carboxyl, formyl, arylthioalkyl, Het arylthioalkyl, Het oxyalkyl, Het alkyloxyalkyl, Het aryloxyalkyl, and Het arylthioalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het1, Het2, cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylthio, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylaminoalkylthio, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, arylthioalkylamino, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino,

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$$\begin{split} & \text{Het}^1\text{alkylamino, Het}^2\text{alkylamino, Het}^1\text{thio, Het}^2\text{thio, Het}^1\text{alkylthio, Het}^2\text{alkylthio, Het}^1\text{oxy and }\\ & \text{Het}^2\text{oxy, OR}^8, \text{SR}^8, \text{SO}_2\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^8, \text{CN, CR}^8=\text{NR}^9, \text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^8, \text{SO}_2\text{R}^8, \text{CR}^8=\text{N}(\text{OR}^9), \text{N}_3, \\ & \text{NO}_2, \quad \text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^8, \quad \text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^8, \quad \text{C}(\text{S})\text{R}^8, \quad \text{CO}_2\text{R}^8, \quad \text{C}(\text{O})\text{SR}^8, \quad \text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \quad \text{C}(\text{S})\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{C}(\text{S})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^8, \quad \text{NR}^8\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{NR}^8\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}, \quad \text{NR}^8\text{C}(\text{S})\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{CO}_2\text{R}^8, \quad \text{NR}^8\text{C}(\text{O})\text{SR}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{S})\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}^8\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}^8\text{C}(\text{S})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}^8\text{SO}_2\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{S})\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}^9, \quad \text{N}^8\text{SO}_2\text{N}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}^9, \quad \text{N}^8\text{SO}_2\text{N}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \quad \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{R}^9, \\ & \text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{OH$$

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ is hydroxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, or alkylcarbonylalkyl and R⁵ is hydrogen.

(Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 or 3, wherein R¹ is selected 13. from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, formyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylthio, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹ alkylamino, Het² alkylamino, Het¹ thio, Het² thio, Het¹ alkylthio, Het² alkylthio, Het¹ oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$,

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 $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8SO_2R^9$, $NHSO_2NR^8R^9$, $NR^8SO_2NHR^9$, and $P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9)$,

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl, R⁴ is hydroxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, or alkylcarbonylalkyl and R⁵ is hydrogen.

- 14. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 or 3, wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyl, and formyl; wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl, and wherein R^4 is arylcarbonylalkyl and R^5 is hydrogen.
- 15. (Original) A compound according to claim 14, wherein R^1 is hydroxyalkyl, R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl, R^4 is arylcarbonylalkyl and R^5 is hydrogen.
- 16. (Original) A compound according to claim 15, wherein R^1 is hydroxymethylene, R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl, R^4 is phenylcarbonylmethylene and R^5 is hydrogen.
- 17. (Previously presented) A compound having the formula Ia or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof,

formula Ia

$$R_4$$
 R_5
 R_1
 R_3
 R_4
 R_5
 R_4
 R_5
 R_4
 R_4
 R_4
 R_5

wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl,

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cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹ arylthioalkyl, Het¹ aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹ aryloxyalkyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het^2 carbonyloxyalkyl, Het^2 alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het^2 aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, CR^6 = NR^7 , and $CR^6=N(OR^7)$,

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy cycloalkylalkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, aralkyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanovloxy, Het¹arvloxyalkyloxy, Het¹arovl, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy; Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxyl, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy;

wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy,

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aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het²thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR8, SR8, SO2NR8R9, SO2N(OH)R8, CN, CR8=NR9, S(O)R8, SO2R8, CR8=N(OR9), N3, NO2, NR8R9, N(OH)R8, C(O)R8, C(S)R8, CO2R8, C(O)SR8, C(O)NR8R9, C(S)NR8R9, C(O)N(OH)R9, NR8C(O)R9, NR8C(O)R8R9, NR8C(O)R9, NR8C(O)R8R9, NR8C(

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen or alkyl;

wherein Het¹ is defined as a saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic, bicyclic or polycyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members which comprise one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms by alkyl, alkyloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, oxo, optionally mono- or disubstituted amino, nitro, cyano, haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl cycloalkyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted aminocarbonyl, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, aryl and a saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members which contain one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and whereby the optional substituents on any amino function are independently selected from alkyl, alkyloxy, Het² , Het²alkyl, Het²oxy, Het²oxyalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, aralkyl, alkyloxycarbonylamino, amino and aminoalkyl whereby each of the amino groups may optionally be mono-or disubstituted with alkyl;

wherein Het² is defined as an aromatic monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members comprising one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms by alkyl, alkyloxy,

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halogen, hydroxyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted amino, nitro, cyano, haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted aminocarbonyl, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, aryl, Het¹ and an aromatic monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members, whereby the optional substituents on any amino function are independently selected from alkyl, alkyloxy, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, aralkyl, alkyloxycarbonylamino, amino, and amionalkyl whereby each of the amino groups may optionally be mono- or disubstituted with alkyl.

18. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 17,

wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het lalkyloxyalkyl, Het¹ aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het² oxyalkyl, Het² alkyloxyalkyl, Het² aryloxyalkyl, Het² aryloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷), with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹ Het¹ alkyl, Het¹ aryl, alkenyl, aminoalkyl, alkylthiocarbonylamino aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy cycloalkylalkyloxy, arvlcarbonvloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹ aralkanoyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹ aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹ aroyl, Het² oxy, Het² alkyloxy; Het² oxyalkyloxy, Het² aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxyl, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy;

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wherein R¹ R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het1, Het2, cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, aryloxyalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;, and

wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen or alkyl.

19. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 17 or 18, wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, and Het²arylthioalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino,

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unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkylamino, arylthioalkylamino, arylthioalkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het²thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR8, SR8, SO2NR8R9, SO2N(OH)R8, CN, CR8=NR9, S(O)R8, SO2R8, CR8=N(OR9), N3, NO2, NR8R9, N(OH)R8, C(O)R8, C(S)R8, CO2R8, C(O)SR8, C(O)NR8R9, C(O)N(OH)R9, C(S)N(OH)R8, NR8C(O)R9, NR8C(S)R9, N(OH)C(O)R9, N(OH)C(S)R8, NR8CO2R9, NR8C(O)NR9R10, NR8C(S)NR9R10, N(OH)CO2R8, NR8C(O)SR9, N(OH)C(O)NR8R9, N(OH)C(S)NR8R9, NR8C(O)NR9R10, NR8C(O)NR9R10, NR8C(O)NR9R10, NR8C(O)NR9R10, NR8C(O)NR9R9, NR8C(O

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen or alkyl.

(Previously presented) A compound according to claim 17 or 18, wherein R¹ is selected 20. from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arvlalkenyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het1, Het2, cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, aryloxyalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy,

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arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het¹amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR³, SR³, SO₂NR³R³, SO₂N(OH)R³, CN, CR³=NR³, S(O)R³, SO₂R³, CR³=N(OR³), N₃, NO₂, NR³R³, N(OH)R³, C(O)R³, C(S)R³, CO₂R³, C(O)SR³, C(O)NR³R³, C(S)NR³R³, C(O)NR³R³, NR³C(O)R³, NR³C(O)R³, NR³C(S)R³, NR³C(O)R³, NR³C(S)R³, NR³C(O)R³, NR³C(S)R³, NR³C(O)R³, NR³C(O)R³, NR³C(O)NR³R³, NR³C(O)NR³R³, NR³C(O)NR³R³, NR³C(O)NR³R³, NR³C(O)N(OH)R³, NR³C(S)N(OH)R³, NR³C(S)

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen.

21. (Previously presented) A compound having the formula Ib or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof,

formula Ib

$$R_4$$
 R_5
 R_2
 R_1
 R_3
 R_3

wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹ arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl,

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Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl,CR⁶=NR⁷, and $CR^6=N(OR^7)$,

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R1 is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O), hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$. $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino, and

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wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ is replaced by a double bond between the N atom and the C carbon atom of the N-containing heterocyclic ring of formula Ib; and wherein R⁵ is hydrogen;

wherein Het¹ is defined as a saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic, bicyclic or polycyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members which comprise one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms by alkyl, alkyloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, oxo, optionally mono- or disubstituted amino, nitro, cyano, haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl cycloalkyl, optionally mono- or disubstituted aminocarbonyl, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, aryl and a saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members which contain one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and whereby the optional substituents on any amino function are independently selected from alkyl, alkyloxy, Het² , Het²alkyl, Het²oxy, Het²oxyalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, aralkyl, alkyloxycarbonylamino, amino and aminoalkyl whereby each of the amino groups may optionally be mono-or disubstituted with alkyl;

wherein Het² is defined as an aromatic monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members comprising one or more heteroatom ring members selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms by alkyl, alkyloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted amino, nitro, cyano, haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkyl, optionally mono-or disubstituted aminocarbonyl, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, aryl, Het¹ and an aromatic monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic heterocycle consisting of 3 to 12 ring members, whereby the optional substituents on any amino function are independently selected from alkyl, alkyloxy, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, aralkyl, alkyloxycarbonylamino, amino, and amionalkyl whereby each of the amino groups may optionally be mono- or disubstituted with alkyl.

22. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 21, wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents

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independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arvloxvalkoxv. arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹ alkyl, Het¹ aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen.

(Previously presented) A compound according to claim 22, wherein R¹ is selected from 23. the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arvlalkenyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het1, Het2, cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy,

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with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino, wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl; wherein R⁴ is replaced by a double bond between the N atom and the C carbon atom of the N-containing heterocyclic ring of formula Ib; and wherein R⁵ is hydrogen.

24-25. (Cancelled)

- 26. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1, 17 and 21.
- 27. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.
- 28. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 11.

29. (Cancelled)

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30. (Currently amended) A method of treating cancer comprising administering a compound according to any one of claims 1, 17, and 21 to an individual in need of such treatment, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of lung cancer, breast cancer, melanoma cancer, glioma, colon cancer, bladder cancer, and prostate cancer and pancreatic cancer.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently amended) A method of treating cancer comprising administrating to an individual in need of such treatment a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 26, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of lung cancer, breast cancer, melanoma cancer, glioma, colon cancer, bladder cancer, and prostate cancer and pancreatic cancer.